

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 150

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Akima Club on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are composed of concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is the Akima Club, which is celebrating its seventieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the Akima Club consists of women who help their community by giving of themselves and their resources with respect, dedication, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 1947, thirteen women founded the Knoxville Junior Women's Club; they affiliated themselves with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Tennessee District II, and the Knoxville Federation of Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the women focused on taking an active interest in the needs of the Knoxville community while maintaining their friendships; and

WHEREAS, the Knoxville Junior Women's Club changed its name to Akima, a Native-American term for women, in 1951, and, expressing a desire for autonomy, separated from the Federation of Women's Clubs in 1987; and

WHEREAS, today, with more than 125 active members, the women of the Akima Club continue the tradition of enriching their community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the Knoxville area, the Akima Club contributes to the financial needs of various area service organizations with grants raised through its biannual fundraiser, Cabaret; in 2016, the Akima Club awarded forty-one grants totaling \$52,109; and

WHEREAS, as befits their sterling reputation earned through seventy years of dedicated service, the members of the Akima Club have worked tirelessly to make their community a vibrant and compassionate place of which every resident can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of this laudable organization are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and it is appropriate that they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Akima Club on its seventieth anniversary and applaud its members, both past and present, on their contributions to their community and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.